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**PROGRESSIVE LEAFLETS.**

# **LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTION, 1910.**

## **LONDONERS!**

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**MODERATE  
PARTY**



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**Thanks to Municipal Reformers the Contractor reigns and  
the Ratepayer pays.**

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fitted for the battle of life. This means a sufficient number of school places in the districts where they are needed, and an adequate supply of **Day, Evening Continuation and Technical Schools.**

The Progressives provided new schools as they were needed, but the Moderates have stinted the supply as much as they have dared.

Education authorities have statutory powers to raise money for **feeding necessitous children**, and for the **medical examination and treatment** of those requiring it. The "Municipal Reformers" have hindered this work. Women, who care for the well-being of the children, should vote for the **Progressives**, who will see that these powers are put into operation.

### HOUSING.

If there is one question that women should be interested in beyond all others, it is the question of Housing.

The Progressives held a splendid record in this respect. They cleared the Boundary Street, the Clare Market, and many other slum areas, and erected healthy accommodation thereon, and bought and developed Estates at Tooting, Tottenham, Norbury, Millbank, and elsewhere for the erection of **Workmen's Dwellings and Cottages.** These schemes were all connected with Tramway extension schemes, so that working men and women and their families might live in clean, convenient, healthy homes at low rents and in fresh air, and might have easy access to their work. The **Moderates have not cleared a single slum area**, though, unhappily, many still exist; they have **reduced the Housing Schemes** of the Progressives, and they have endeavoured to dispose of land obtained for that purpose.

### FOODS, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

The Progressives instituted the system of **Testing Weights and Measures**, and have saved the housekeeper from fraud, while protecting the honest trader. They have also initiated legislation against **Impure Milk.**

**DON'T BE MISLED AGAIN BY THE "MUNICIPAL REFORMERS."**

**VOTE PROGRESSIVE THIS TIME!!**

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## FOUND OUT!

"If thy friend cheat thee once, shame on thy friend!

"If he cheat thee twice, shame on thee!!"

### THE MODERATES HAVE BEEN FOUND OUT!!!

and it now remains for the Electors to **turn them out!**

The Moderates call themselves "Municipal Reformers." They haven't "reformed" any part of Municipal Government.

They are

### MUNICIPAL "DEFORMERS"

THEY PROMISED.

Lower Rates.

RESULT.

The rates have **risen** under the "Deformers."

L.C.C. rate from 3/- to 3/0 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Equal to £140,000 a year!

**THEY PROMISED:**  
**Lower Rents.**

**RESULT.**  
The "Deformers" have not lowered rents. They themselves said, High Rates mean High Rents, and they have raised the rates!

**Better Local Trade.** Ask the people in the Mile End Road whether the "Deformers" have improved their trade.

**Happier Homes**  
**and**  
**More Employment.** What about the 3,000 men turned off from the Works Department, many of whom are still out of employment? And what do the 300 Steamboat and Pier men and the tradesmen say about their employment gone and local trade injured by the stoppage of the steamboats, and the delay in electrifying the horse tram-lines on which money is being lost?

**What! Vote for these so-called**  
**"Municipal Reformers"?**

**NEVER AGAIN!!**

**IF THEY CHEAT THEE TWICE, SHAME ON THEE!!!**

**VOTE FOR THE PROGRESSIVES!!!**

Progressive Leaflet, No. 13 a.



**TO THOSE WHO**  
**WORK LATE.**

**How the Moderates Kill Your Vote!**

On 17th December, 1907, the following Recommendation was brought up by the Local Government Committee, but as the Moderate Chairman would not move it, it was moved by a Progressive Member:—

"That steps be taken for the introduction in the Session of Parliament of 1908 of the London Municipal Elections (Hours of Poll) Bill."

This provided that the Poll at London County Council and Metropolitan Borough Council Elections should be kept open until 10 O'CLOCK p.m., as in the case of Guardians' Elections.

**The Moderates voted against it, and defeated the Resolution by 55 against 42 votes.**



This was in order to prevent working men who leave their homes before 8 o'clock in the morning, and who frequently (even on Saturday) cannot get home before 8 o'clock in the evening, from voting.

Here are the names of those who voted against the Motion :—

Alexander, George (South St. Pancras)  
 Anstruther, H. T. (Alderman)  
 Beacheroff, Sir R. Melvill (S. Paddington)  
 Billings, G. (Central Hackney)  
 Boyton, J. (East Marylebone)  
 Brandon, Jocelyn (Hammersmith)  
 Buxton, A. F. (Alderman)  
 Cassel, F. M. (West St. Pancras)  
 Cheylesmore, Maj.-Gen. Lord (St. George, Hanover Square)  
 Cobb, C. S. (Fulham)  
 Cohen, N. L. (City of London)  
 Collins, E. (Hammersmith)  
 Davies, Dr. J. (Hoxton)  
 Duncannon, Viscount (E. Marylebone)  
 Easton, E. G. (Fulham)  
 Fisher, W. Hayes (Alderman)  
 Forman, E. Baxter (S. Kensington)  
 Goff, T. C. E. (Chelsea)  
 Goldie, Rt. Hon. Sir George (Alderman)  
 Goldsmith, Frank (South St. Pancras)  
 Gooch, H. C. (Dulwich)  
 Gray, Ernest (Hoxton)  
 Greene, W. Raymond (N. Hackney)  
 Greenwood, H. J. (St. George, Hanover Square)  
 Guinness, Hon. Rupert (Haggerston)  
 Guinness, Hon. Walter (N. Paddington)

Hall, F. (Dulwich)  
 Hoare, S. J. G. (Brixton)  
 Hunt, William (Wandsworth)  
 Hunter, J. H. (N. Paddington)  
 Jay, E. A. H. (Woolwich)  
 Johnstone, Hon. G. (Haggerston)  
 Kerry, Earl of (West Marylebone)  
 Lancaster, Sir William (Wandsworth)  
 Lygon, Hon. H. (Holborn)  
 Michelham, Lord (Alderman)  
 Middleton, Viscount (Alderman)  
 Morrow, F. St. John (Norwood)  
 Murchison, C. K. (North Islington)  
 Peel, Hon. W. R. W. (Westminster)  
 Pilditch, P. E. (East Islington)  
 Pownall, A. (Lewisham)  
 Probyn, Lieut.-Col. C. (Strand)  
 Robinson, R. A. (South Kensington)  
 Rowe, H. V. (Bow and Bromley)  
 Salmon, I. (West Islington)  
 Sankey, Stuart (City of London)  
 Stewart, W. Burton (Central Hackney)  
 Sturge, C. Y. (Westminster)  
 Swinton, Capt. G. S. C. (Alderman)  
 Thompson, W. W. (Alderman)  
 Thynne, Lord Alexander (Greenwich)  
 Vosper, P. (West St. Pancras)  
 White, Edward (Alderman)

**The Moderates thus Kill many Votes.**

**DON'T GIVE THEM YOURS, BUT  
 VOTE FOR THE PROGRESSIVES,**

**The Consistent Friends of the Workers.**

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## THE MODERATE WAY OF HOUSING THE WORKING CLASSES.

The Moderates have greatly reduced the Housing schemes of the Council, and attempted to sell freehold land which was ear-marked for that purpose.

They said in Leaflet B. 22—"What Municipal Reformers want to do is to introduce some scheme to enable working men to buy their own homes on easy terms," and in Leaflet B. 29—"The Municipal Reformers want every man to own his own house, and they are going to assist him to buy it."

A Progressive member of the Council moved on 16th February, 1909 :—

"That it be referred to the Housing of the Working Classes and the Finance Committees to consider and report as to the steps necessary to be taken by the Council to introduce some scheme to enable working men to buy their own houses on easy terms."

and the Moderates voted against it and defeated it by 67 against 31 votes.

## SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACT.

The Tories passed the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act in 1899, but of so little use is it that during the past three years only **FIVE PERSONS** have obtained advances from the London County Council to enable them to buy the leasehold interest in their dwelling houses: and those cases had no connection with the policy set out in their leaflets B. 22 or B. 29!!

## SMALL HOLDINGS.

Again, the Moderates have taken no steps to carry out the provisions of the Small Holdings Act, but on the contrary have defeated every proposal made to put it into force.

And these Moderates, who have **done nothing for Housing**, are again asking for your support!!!

**VOTE FOR THE  
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**Who KEEP their promises.**

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**WHY NOT?** Because they said

***"Vote for Municipal Reform and  
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(London Municipal Reform Leaflet, No. B.53.)

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## DO YOU REMEMBER

a cartoon issued by the Moderates at the last Election showing a huge snowball representing the

## DEBT OF LONDON?

It was issued to lead the Ratepayers to believe that the Debt was being increased by the Progressives against the Ratepayers' interests. The Moderates also said, in Leaflet No. 38, "Vote for Municipal Reformers and Economy." Yet instead of reducing the Debt, they increased it by

## ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS

up to March, 1909. That was nearly a year ago,

## AND IT IS STILL RISING.

So much for their "ECONOMY."

Again. In referring to the Debt for which the London County Council is responsible, the Moderates asked, "Does it not stagger you?" Yet up to March, 1909, they had increased it by **OVER**

## TWO MILLION THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS

That also was nearly a year ago,

## AND IT IS STILL RISING.

Does not the impudence of the Moderates stagger you?

**What Business Men demand is a proper return for the CAPITAL expended; and this can only be secured**

## BY VOTING FOR THE Progressives.

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## PLAIN WORDS ABOUT THE WORKS DEPARTMENT.

### ORIGIN.

In 1892 the Progressives found that some of their Contractors (not the best) were sweating their employes, both as regards the wages paid and the hours worked. As a result they determined that a **Schedule of wages to be paid and the hours to be worked**, based on that agreed between the **Trade Unions and the Employers**, should be fixed for each contract, and that the **Contractors should pay a penalty** if they failed to observe the conditions of this Schedule. In reply the Contractors boycotted the Council's work, for when tenders were asked for the York Road Sewer, the lowest sent in was nearly double the Engineer's estimate. The Council, acting on the advice of its Engineer, instructed its own Main Drainage Staff to carry out this work by the direct employment of labour, with the result that the work was executed at a price below the Engineer's estimate.

With this example before them the Progressives determined to inaugurate a regular Works Department to which a certain proportion (about, say, one half) of the Council's work should be entrusted for execution at the estimate of the Council's Engineer or Architect. To prevent any possible charge of collusion between the Estimating Officer and the Works Department, the latter was kept as an entirely separate organisation, and each Committee was instructed to obtain the estimate of the Estimating Officer **before** the Committee decided whether the work should be executed by a Contractor or by the Works Department.

### OPPOSED BY THE MODERATES.

From the commencement the Works Department has been subjected to the strongest opposition on the part of the Moderates—they even nominated one of the master builders as their vice-chairman of the Works Committee. With a Committee so formed, the success was not great. For the first nine years the jobs undertaken by the Works Department, estimated at about £2,180,000, cost 4½% above the estimate.

## SUCCESSFUL UNDER PROGRESSIVE RULE.

In 1902 the Progressives determined that the Works Committee should be formed of those only (i.e., Progressives) who believed in the Department and were willing to work for its success, and thus all the Moderates, except one, the Deputy-Chairman of the Council, were excluded from the Committee. Thanks to this policy the works executed since 1902, estimated at about £2,975,000, have been carried out by the Works Department at more than 10% below the estimate of the Engineer or Architect responsible for the design of the work.

## RUINED BY THE MODERATES.

By a vote on the 28th July, 1908, the Moderates, being in power, decided to end the Department and sell off all its plant and works. The London County Council is thus once more delivered over wholly into the hands of the Contractors. Electors should ask themselves this question:—

“Is it not probable that the existence of the Works Department  
“kept down prices, and that its disappearance will tend  
“to raise prices and assist the formation of rings or  
“combines?”

## STARVED TO DEATH.

During the last two years of its existence the Works Department was carried on under the greatest difficulties. The Moderates only gave it £236,000 of work to do and took away work to the value of £297,000, which had been placed with it. Meantime it has been debited with heavy standing charges for rents, interest, and repayment of capital, taxes, salaries, and office expenses, though starved for want of work. The ratepayers' money was thus grievously sacrificed as well as in the final forced sale of all the plant, tools, and materials.

A deadly blow was dealt to the Department immediately the Moderates came into power in 1907. The previous Council agreed that it should construct a sewer at the Engineer's estimated cost of £297,000, and all the plant and staff had been got ready to carry out the work. The Moderates stopped this, and asked for tenders from the Contractors in competition with the Works Department, but before doing so, published (against the practice of the Council) not only the Engineer's Estimate, but also that of the Works Department itself. A Contractor obtained the work at about 12½% below the Engineer's Estimate, but as during the last eight years the Works Department had saved 19½% on the Engineer's estimate for similar sewer works, the Council cannot be said to have gained by this transaction.

## VOTE FOR THE PROGRESSIVES!

Progressive Leaflet, No. 17a.



## TO BUSINESS MEN.

### “COOKING, RIGGING & FAKING ACCOUNTS.”

This was the cry at the last Election, of the Moderates (self-styled “Municipal Reformers”), and it deceived many electors. But when the new Council met, and time passed by, new members began to ask:

“When are we going to expose the fraud of the Progressives?” And there was no reply from those who had raised the cry!

### THERE COULD BE NO EXPOSURE BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN NO FRAUD!

The Tramways accounts are produced each year by the Moderates in practically the same form as hitherto, except by treating part of the cost of purchasing the horse trams from the companies, as **obsolete capital!!** and yet this purchase secured the **sole and valuable rights to run trams in the streets. THE RIGHTS ARE NOT OBSOLETE!**

But they say there can be no “profit” until this “Obsolete” capital is all paid off, and yet **they have decided to delay beginning to pay it off until 1914!**

**£1,356,365** has since the beginning of the municipal management been paid off out of profits earned in accordance with the decision of the Treasury, which settled the period during which the borrowed capital is to be paid off, **with the full knowledge that the purchased horse-lines would be gradually electrified.**

The Moderates stated that the Progressives were improperly paying Income Tax in order to delude the public into believing that there were profits. But they themselves have paid Income Tax. **Last year they provided £27,000!**



The chief charge was that the Progressives had not debited a sufficient share of the cost of street improvements against the Tramways accounts.

But their own auditors, Messrs. PEAT & PIXLEY, reported that "it is impossible to ascertain the proportion chargeable against Tramways without the aid of independent professional valuers."

**No such valuers have been called in by the Moderates, and why?**

Because no experts can be equal to the Tramways Committee, the Street Improvements Committee, and the Council's own officers, all of whom have had to consider and carry out the whole of the transactions connected with the making of the improvement, the widening of the streets and the laying down of the tram lines.

The Progressives, in their time, **considered each case on its merits**, charging against the Improvement and against the Tramways the proportion which each ought to bear, and in many cases obtaining a contribution from the local authority (the Borough Council).

The Moderates have set up a Special Committee, which has **followed almost exactly the Progressive lines.**

Two years and nine months after the Moderates got into power this Committee produced a report dealing with the cost of certain improvements, and, speaking generally, they followed the old **Progressive method of charging one-third to the Tramways account.**

It comes to this, that the Moderates who, when out of office, charged the Progressive party, and those who were the most hard-working members of it, with fraudulently cooking the accounts, discovered long after they had to take similar responsibilities upon themselves, that there was no fraud to be exposed, and that **they themselves were forced to adopt the Progressive policy of considering each case on its merits.**

But they have forgotten to apologise for their impudent statements that the Progressives had cooked, rigged, and faked the accounts in order to show a profit.

## **BUSINESS MEN!**

# **VOTE FOR THE PROGRESSIVES!!**

**WHO HAVE CARRIED ON THE GOVERNMENT  
OF LONDON, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF THE TRAMWAYS SYSTEM,**

**ON SOUND BUSINESS LINES.**

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ELECTION**



**MAR. 5  
POLL 8 to 8**

# **MANIFESTO**

## **By LABOUR LEADERS to all TRADE UNIONISTS.**

This County Council Election is a stern fight between those who believe in the payment of Trade Union Wages and Hours of Labour under the best conditions and the Direct Employment of Labour on the one hand, and on the other those who have destroyed these principles by giving out all the work to Contractors.

When in opposition the Moderates tried hard to ruin the Works Department, and during the three years they have now been in power they have destroyed it.

There stood on the agenda paper of the L.C.C. for many months in the name of a Moderate, who is also a Builder and Contractor, a notice of motion to alter the radius in which London Rates of Wages and Hours of Labour shall operate in Council contracts from 20 miles to 12 miles from Charing Cross.

On 30th November, 1897, by 60 votes against 51, the Moderates **did** succeed in carrying a similar motion, but the Progressives, after they had regained power in March, 1898, restored the 20-mile radius in May of that year, the Moderates opposing this course, and being defeated by 71 votes against 48.

These reactionaries, who call themselves "Reformers," have always voted against extending the hours of poll so as to deprive as many workmen as possible of their votes.

## **WORKMEN!**

# **DEFEAT THESE ATTACKS UPON YOUR RIGHTS!**

Whatever may be your views on Politics,

## **VOTE**

**IN THE INTERESTS OF TRADE UNIONISM AND GOOD WORK FOR GOOD WAGES.**

**VOTE ONLY FOR THOSE CANDIDATES**

who have already striven, and who have expressly pledged themselves, to enforce

**THE DIRECT EMPLOYMENT OF LABOUR,**

**TRADE UNION WAGES, AND THE 20-MILE RADIUS.**

**† See other side for Signatures.**

(P.T.O.)

## INTENTIONAL SECOND EXPOSURE

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Two years and nine months after the Moderates got into power this Committee produced a report dealing with the cost of certain improvements, and, speaking generally, they followed the old **Progressive method of charging one-third to the Tramways account**.

It comes to this, that the Moderates who, when out of office, charged the Progressive party, and those who were the most hard-working members of it, with fraudulently cooking the accounts, discovered long after they had to take similar responsibilities upon themselves, that there was no fraud to be exposed, and that **they themselves were forced to adopt the Progressive policy of considering each case on its merits**.

But they have forgotten to apologise for their impudent statements that the Progressives had cooked, rigged, and faked the accounts in order to show a profit.

**BUSINESS MEN!**  
**VOTE FOR THE PROGRESSIVES!!**  
**WHO HAVE CARRIED ON THE GOVERNMENT**  
**OF LONDON, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT**  
**OF THE TRAMWAYS SYSTEM,**  
**ON SOUND BUSINESS LINES.**

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## MANIFESTO By LABOUR LEADERS to all TRADE UNIONISTS.

This County Council Election is a stern fight between those who believe in the payment of Trade Union Wages and Hours of Labour under the best conditions and the Direct Employment of Labour on the one hand, and on the other those who have destroyed these principles by giving out all the work to Contractors.

When in opposition the Moderates tried hard to ruin the Works Department, and during the three years they have now been in power they have destroyed it.

There stood on the agenda paper of the L.C.C. for many months in the name of a Moderate, who is also a Builder and Contractor, a notice of motion to alter the radius in which London Rates of Wages and Hours of Labour shall operate in Council contracts from 20 miles to 12 miles from Charing Cross.

On 30th November, 1897, by 60 votes against 51, the Moderates **did** succeed in carrying a similar motion, but the Progressives, after they had regained power in March, 1898, restored the 20-mile radius in May of that year, the Moderates opposing this course, and being defeated by 71 votes against 48.

These reactionaries, who call themselves "Reformers," have always voted against extending the hours of poll so as to deprive as many workmen as possible of their votes.

**WORKMEN!**  
**DEFEAT THESE ATTACKS UPON YOUR RIGHTS!**

Whatever may be your views on Politics,

**VOTE**

**IN THE INTERESTS OF TRADE UNIONISM AND GOOD WORK FOR GOOD WAGES.**

**VOTE ONLY FOR THOSE CANDIDATES**

who have already striven, and who have expressly pledged themselves, to enforce

**THE DIRECT EMPLOYMENT OF LABOUR,**  
**TRADE UNION WAGES, AND THE 20-MILE RADIUS.**

† See other side for Signatures.

(P.T.O.)

(SIGNED)

W. C. Steadman, J.P., Sec. Trade Union Congress Parliamentary Committee.  
W. A. Appleton, Secretary, The General Federation of Trade Unions.  
Herbert H. Elvin, General Secretary, National Union of Clerks.  
John Bancroft, Chairman, Alex. Greig, Secretary, London Building Industries Federation.  
Charles Hobson, Secretary, Metal Trades Federation.  
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W. B. Cheesman, General Secretary, Fawcett Association.  
William Ross, General Secretary, National Union of Paper Mill Workers of Great Britain and Ireland.  
D. Sheard, Secretary, National Union of Life Assurance Agents.  
James Kelly, Gen. Sec. Bookbinders and Machine Rulers' Consolidated Union.  
Councillor Robert Tootill, Bolton Machine and General Labourers' Union.  
T. Lowth, General Secretary, General Railway Workers' Union.  
Geo. Parker, General Secretary, National Federation of Enginemen, Stokers, and Kindred Trade Societies.  
W. Coffey, Secretary, London Consolidated Society of Journeymen Bookbinders.  
Thos. H. Challis, Secretary, Barge Builders' Trade Union.  
Charles Freak, President, E. L. Poulton, Secretary, National Union of Boot and Shoe Operatives.  
H. Simpson, General Secretary, Amalgamated Society of Gasworkers, Brick-makers and General Labourers.  
Edward James Rudd, General Secretary, United French Polishers' London Society.  
J. Jenkins, Secretary, Amalgamated Union of Bakers and Confectioners.  
Alfred Heaton, General Secretary, National Federation of Bleachers and Dyers.  
James Cox, J.P., Gen. Sec. Associated Iron and Steel Workers of Great Britain.  
Matthew Arrandale, J.P., General Sec., United Machine Workers' Association.  
William Lewney, Secretary, Furness Iron Miners' Union.  
James Keep, Pres., George A. Isaacs, Gen. Sec., Operative Printers' Assistants.  
Richard Davies, General Secretary, Municipal Employees Association.  
Robert Barnes, Secretary, Amalgamated Society of Litho-Artists, Designers Engravers and Process Workers.  
Harry Gosling, L.C.C., Secretary, Amalgamated Society of Watermen, Lightermen and Watchmen.  
A. Smith, President, Fred Hill, General Sec., London Cab Drivers' Trade Union.  
H. T. Lyne, President, D. Haggerty, Secretary, United Builders' Labourers' Trade Union.  
J. Wood, President, Amalgamated Stevedores' Labour Protection League.  
John Ward, M.P., Sec., Navvies, Builders' Labourers & General Labourers' Union.  
W. H. Clemart, General Secretary, Variety Artists' Federation.  
R. T. Jones, General Secretary, North Wales Quarrymen's Union.  
Arthur Harris, General Secretary, Labour Protection League.  
Councillor John Baker, General Secretary, National Amalgamated Society of Enginemen, Cranemen, Boilermen, Firemen and Electrical Workers.  
James Ogg, Secretary, Durham Cokemen's and Labourers' Association.  
Ben Cooper, L.C.C., Cigar Makers' Mutual Association.  
William F. Dawitrey, General Secretary, Steam Engine Makers' Society.  
S. G. Porter, United Society of Brushmakers.  
T. Grundy, Secretary, National Union of Wool Sorters.  
A. Brine, Secretary, London and Provincial Clothiers' Cutters' Trade Union.  
William J. Clouter, Secretary, London and Provincial Coachmakers' Trade Union.  
J. T. Morrison, London Saddle and Harness Makers' Trade Protection Society.  
Kenneth McCrae, Amalgamated Society of Boot and Shoe Makers.  
J. A. Ratcliffe, Secretary, London Branch Typographical Association.  
Sidney Webb.  
Francis Chandler, Gen. Sec., Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners.  
William Dyson, General Secretary, Amalgamated Society of Paper Makers.  
Jos. B. Williams, General Secretary, Amalgamated Musicians' Union.  
J. Rowan, Gen. Sec., T. Philpot, District Secretary, Electrical Trades Union.  
W. Stevens, London Secretary, Amalgamated Society of Lithographic Printers.  
J. Hill, Secretary, Boilermakers and Iron and Steel Shipbuilders.

Progressive Leaflet, No. 19d.

L.C.C.  
ELECTION



MAR. 5  
POLL 8 to 8

# WORKMEN!!

THE MODERATES who pretend to be "MUNICIPAL REFORMERS" are trying to humbug you with the cry

## "LONDON WORK FOR LONDON MEN."

It sounds first-rate, but it is all sound, and

## NOTHING MORE!!

Having destroyed the Works Department, and dismissed more than 3,000 London men, they have given the work to Contractors, some of whom are not London firms, and who in many cases send their own men from job to job.



THE MODERATES don't take any trouble to see that London men are employed on the work. It is true they tell the contractor to employ London men

## "AS FAR AS POSSIBLE!"

but they have persistently refused to inflict any money penalty upon him if he doesn't. SO THEIR PROMISE REALLY COMES TO NOTHING.

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In 1905 the London County Council, at the unanimous wish of all parties and everybody in London,

**BOUGHT 30 STEAMBOATS FOR THE THAMES**  
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Before they were sold, members of the MODERATE PARTY had persistently run down the safety and the build of the boats.

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THAT WAS SOLD AT THESE SCANDALOUS  
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## **THE MODERATES WHO SMASHED THE WORKS DEPARTMENT!**

Here are the names of the Moderate Members of the London County Council who, on July 28th, 1908, voted for and carried the following resolution :—

**“That the Works Department  
be discontinued.”**

Altogether they have

***SACKED MORE THAN 3,000 MEN***

at a time when

**UNEMPLOYMENT**

was most acute.

Anstruther, Alderman H. T.	Cassel, F. M. (West St. Pancras).
Barlow, C. A. M. (East Islington).	Cheylesmore, Maj.-Gen. Lord (St.
Beachcroft, Sir R. Melvill (S. Paddington)	George, Hanover Square).
Benn, A. Shirley (Battersea).	Clarke, H. J. (West Islington).
Benn, I. Hamilton (Greenwich).	Cobb, C. S. (Fulham).
Brandon, Jocelyn (Hammersmith).	Cohen, N. L. (City of London).
Buxton, Alderman A. F.	Collins, E. (Hammersmith).

Coumbe, E. H. (Mile End).  
 Davies, Dr. J. (Hoxton).  
 Davis, D. (North Kensington).  
 Dove, F. L. (North Islington).  
 Dowton, W. L. (Peckham).  
 Duncannon, Viscount (E. Marylebone).  
 Easton, E. G. (Fulham).  
 Fisher, Alderman W. Hayes.  
 Forman, E. Baxter (S. Kensington).  
 Goldie, Alderman Rt. Hon. Sir George.  
 Goldsmith, F. (South St. Pancras).  
 Gooch, H. C. (Dulwich).  
 Goodrich, A. O. (Stepney).  
 Gray, E. (Hoxton).  
 Greenwood, H. J. (St. George, Hanover Square).  
 Guinness, Hon. Walter (N. Paddington).  
 Hall, F. (Dulwich).  
 Hanson, F. S. (City of London).  
 Harris, F. L. (Stepney).  
 Haydon, W. (Brixton).  
 Hoare, S. J. G. (Brixton).  
 Hunt, W. (Wandsworth).  
 Hunter, J. H. (N. Paddington).  
 Jackson, C. (Limehouse).  
 Jay, E. A. H. (Woolwich).  
 Johnstone, Hon. G. (Haggerston).  
 Key, W. H. (North Hackney).

Kinloch-Cooke, Sir C. (Clapham).  
 Knight, W. S. M. (Bow and Bromley).  
 Lancaster, Sir W. (Wandsworth).  
 Lewisham, Viscount (Lewisham).  
 Lort-Williams, J. R. (Limehouse).  
 Lygon, Hon. H. (Holborn).  
 Michelham, Alderman Rt. Hon. Lord.  
 Middleton, Alderman Viscount.  
 Montgomery, R. H. (Mile End).  
 Morrow, F. St. John (Norwood).  
 Murchison, C. K. (N. Islington).  
 Naylor, Alderman G. K.  
 Norman, R. C. (Chelsea).  
 Peel, Hon. W. R. W. (Westminster).  
 Pilditch, P. E. (East Islington).  
 Pownall, A. (Lewisham).  
 Probyn, Lt.-Col. C. (Strand).  
 Reynolds, W. (Hampstead).  
 Rowe, H. V. (Bow and Bromley).  
 Salmon, I. (West Islington).  
 Sankey, S. (City of London).  
 Simmons, P. C. (St. George-in-the East).  
 Stewart, W. B. (Central Hackney).  
 Sturge, C. Y. (Westminster).  
 Thompson, Alderman W. Whitaker.  
 Vosper, P. (West St. Pancras).  
 White, Alderman Edward.

## VOTE AGAINST THESE MEN

all of whom are Members of

## THE MODERATE PARTY!!

## VOTE FOR THE PROGRESSIVES!

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## SLUMS! SLUMS!! SLUMS!!!

### ELECTORS OF LONDON!

Why should the capital of the Empire and the greatest city of Modern Times be allowed to have

### DIRTY, FILTHY, DISEASE-PRODUCING SLUMS?

Why should Landlords be allowed in this great, populous area to retain

### OLD, DILAPIDATED, UNHEALTHY, INSANITARY DWELLINGS AND LET THEM TO THE POOR?

They would not allow their own families to live in them; no! not even their horses or dogs.

Those who sell bad fruit, fish, or meat in the streets are prosecuted and fined, AND THEIR GOODS ARE DESTROYED.

Those who sell adulterated food or goods are prosecuted and fined.

Those who sell impure or watered milk are prosecuted and fined.

Those who give short weight are also prosecuted and fined.

Why should **LANDLORDS** be treated differently when they provide the workers with

## **WRETCHED, MISERABLE DWELLINGS AT HIGHEST RENTS?**

The Moderates, during their three years' power, have not

**DONE AWAY WITH A SINGLE SLUM,**

although they promised to help

**WORKMEN TO BUY THEIR OWN HOUSES ON  
EASY TERMS.**

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## **VOTE FOR THE PROGRESSIVES**

who abolished **BOUNDARY STREET,**  
**CLARE MARKET,** and other slums,  
and bought and developed

**L.C.C. Estates at TOOTING,  
TOTTENHAM,  
NORBURY,  
GREENWICH TUNNEL,  
MILLBANK, Etc., Etc.**

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## **THE WORKS DEPARTMENT— WHAT WAS IT FOR?**

**TO CHECK CONTRACTORS' RINGS.  
TO SAVE RATEPAYERS' MONEY.  
TO SECURE TRADE-UNION RATES.  
TO MAINTAIN GOOD CONDITIONS OF LABOUR.**

The Council has carried out for 17 years by direct employment about one-third of its building and sewer work (the remaining two-thirds being done by Contractors).

Final certificate of value	...	£5,785,775
Actual cost	... ..	£5,531,028
Saving	...	£ 254,747

In February, 1907, the PROGRESSIVES were employing  
**3,450 MEN.**

In September, 1909, this number had been reduced by the  
MODERATES to **13 MEN.**

They have shut up the Works.

They have sold by auction the valuable Plant at ruinous prices.

They have tried to get power to sell the freehold land to cover up the loss.

They have greatly added to the number of men out of work.

The Council is now entirely in the hands of the Contractors.

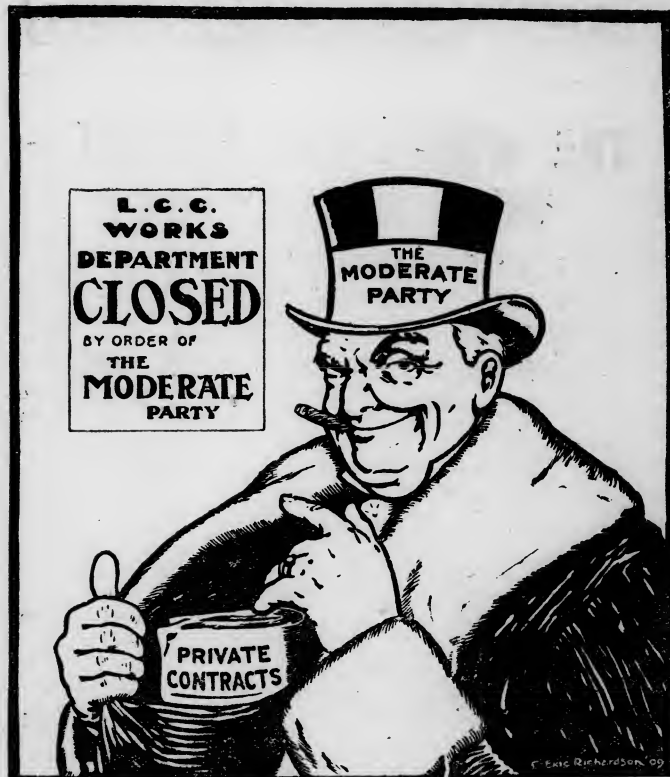
This policy is correctly described as

## **WRECKING THE RATEPAYERS' PROPERTY AND WASTING THE RATEPAYERS' MONEY.**

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# L.C.C. ELECTION, March 5, 1910

Polling 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.



THANKS TO "MUNICIPAL REFORMERS"  
THE CONTRACTOR REIGNS  
AND THE RATEPAYER PAYS.

Progressive Leaflet, No. 24a.



## DO YOUR ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS PAY?

You were told at the last election, and the Moderates have since repeated it several times in the Council, "There are No Profits on L.C.C. Trams."

WHAT NONSENSE! OF COURSE THERE ARE!  
LOOK AT THE FACTS!

The Income Tax Commissioners collect Income Tax on Profits made either by Business or Trading Concerns. These are the amounts paid by the L.C.C. for Income Tax on Tramways Profits:—

				<u>Amounts Taxed.</u>
1904/5	...	...	...	£144,296
1905/6	...	...	...	111,392
1906/7	...	...	...	136,287
1907/8	...	...	...	276,081
1908/9	...	...	...	394,892
				<u>£1,062,948</u>
Average per year ...				£212,589



**ON THESE PROFITS** (after usual deductions  
had been made) the amount

## PAID FOR INCOME TAX IN FIVE YEARS

amounted to

**FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED  
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Don't forget that during these five years many of the lines  
have been reconstructed, and that all the old Horse Trams are  
still run at a **LOSS**.

Ask any business men or firms who have paid in five years

**£45,307 12s. 2d.**

to the Income Tax Commissioners, if they have paid it in  
respect to a business in which there are no profits?

**DO NOT BE MISLED BY MODERATE LIES  
ABOUT THE TRAMS, WHICH, REMEMBER,  
ARE YOUR OWN PROPERTY.**

**VOTE FOR THE  
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**Who gave Londoners Electric Trams with Cheap Fares.**

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## MODERATE EDUCATION.

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the normal children, or who are being kept out of school altogether  
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There is also one class of children whom the Council has special power to deal with, who for their own sakes and for the sake of others deserve special care, and for whom hardly anything has been done—the Epileptic Children. There are still about 500 out of 550 of these children untouched by the London Education Authority, either directly or indirectly.

But even in the case of the ordinary children, the lack of proper accommodation is disgraceful. You may go to school after school and find the Halls, which should be used for physical exercise, for air space, for assembly where the corporate life of the school can be maintained and developed, crowded with classes. You will find the Art rooms, carefully planned and built for practical work, so useful to the children in after life, diverted from their proper use to ordinary class-room purposes. And worse still, you will find that child after child has been sent about from school to school seeking accommodation and finding none, until at last some Head Teacher, under the eye of the office, thinking much of organisation and little of education, has been persuaded or forced to transfer other children up or down out of the classes suited for them in order to make room for the little wanderer.

This zeal to save money by refusing to leave "a little elbow-room" in the schools also results in two or three children in the same family having to go to two or three different schools.

II.—The Council is also grievously behind in the matter of modernising the old buildings. There are still many schools without halls; many schools in which the light glares into the teacher's eyes instead of being on the left of the child; schools in which class-rooms are passage rooms; schools in which, instead of giving the lead to the Board of Education in the matter of small classes, we are not yet on the level of their requirements, which we ought long ago to have anticipated and improved upon. There are still schools which have not sufficient rooms for the Head and the Assistant Teachers. Even in the case of those schools which the Education Committee recommends for modernising—some six each year—so many difficulties are placed in the way, that, instead of 18 having been done during the reign of the Municipal Reformers, they have been so Moderate in their action that only 9 have been completed. It is a matter of urgent necessity that all the schools which need modernising should be dealt with speedily, as well as that there should be no delay in building the new schools required by the Board of Education.

III.—Two beneficent Acts of the Liberal Government enable us to feed out of the rates those children who are necessitous; compel us to inspect the children medically, and enable us to treat them for

ailments of the eyes, the ears, the teeth and the skin. After a long delay (during which Flagstaffs loomed larger than food) the children are at last being fed out of the rates, but again, true to their old name, the medical treatment is being arranged for only in a Moderate half-hearted manner. Hospitals at long distances from a large number of the schools, involving long journeys for mother and child, long waiting, loss of at least half-a-day's work, probable loss of grant owing to the child's absence from school, are to be used instead of School Clinics within easy distance of each group of schools. And even in this Moderate arrangement, nothing is being done for the teeth, though all experts acknowledge that the future well-being of a child, both personally and as a citizen, depends largely on the teeth being properly attended to between the ages of 5 and 15.

It only requires a little imagination on the part of the Ratepayer to see that money spent in securing, by means of ten years' treatment, the health of the future generation is a thoroughly good investment.

IV.—The same evil influence of the Moderates has been at work on the Evening Schools. If there is a set of people who ought to be encouraged and fostered, it is those who, after long hours of work, are willing to come to education and training in the evening. But instead of encouragement they have been met with restrictions; schools have been closed, eager pupils not allowed to take the subjects they most want in schools they have got attached to; a mechanical bureaucracy has been allowed to hinder the work; and the latest proposal is largely to increase the fees. The humanising side of the work, so important in a place like London, where the large majority of employments need no evening practice or instruction, is in danger of being belittled, and at the same time the Polytechnics are in revolt against suggested restrictions.

V.—There are one or two important matters on which new legislation is inevitable. Under Mr. Balfour's Acts and the dual system of schools they set up, the chance of promotion to the highest positions in their profession is denied to many of the teachers. Further, many of the non-provided schools are small and old schools, which, though remodelled, will still, to quote the architect, "when all is done fall very far short of the standard which has obtained for the last 20 years, and therefore . . . the Council must be prepared, I am afraid, to regard even these as only fulfilling their purpose for a limited time."

Such ought, for purely educational purposes, to be replaced by one large school, built and arranged on what experience has proved to be the best plans; and non-provided managers should be prevented

from causing difficulties by choosing to have schools of one department only, so disorganising the accommodation in the neighbourhood.

Legislation is also probably wanted to prevent children who are eager to stay on at the school they love and whose parents are willing for them to stay, from being turned out of school; for if they can continue their education only for a year or two, it would be little use their going to a secondary school for so short a time.

Experience has also shown that one evil result of the Tories abolishing the School Board has been to increase beyond all reasonable bounds the power of the officials. Every step in this increase diminishes popular interest and popular control, paralyses the human touch, makes for a hard mechanism. Whether there are advantages which outweigh these serious evils we do not now for the moment stop to consider.

VI.—But the chief need is that the Ratepayers should say that they want money spent liberally—wisely, but liberally—on Education. Their mandate to the next L.C.C. should be:—

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“Get learning, get training (for your children and young people) with a great sum of silver; for what you spend in silver will be repaid you in gold.”

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### WHO STAND FOR

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VISITOR: Good afternoon. You have a vote for the County Council, don't you?

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VISITOR: But you see that what the County Council does affects women just as much as it does men.

Mrs. P.: Do you think so?

VISITOR: Yes, indeed I do.

Mrs. P.: Well, I don't know. Some women do seem to be fussing about nowadays with all sorts of politics and notions. I could never see the use of it. Precious little use it is to the men, too, according to my thinking.

VISITOR: That's because men are so blind to their own interests. But now we women want to take a hand. Lots of us now feel that we must help each other and the men, too, to make better laws and to see that they are properly carried out.

Mrs. P.: It's about time there was a little more common sense. But who's to say if the women will do any better than the men have done? I have to pay 1d. more on my rates than I did three years ago. Perhaps things would be worse still if more women voted.

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voter, can look into the matter and find out what is the reason for it, and then do all in your power to set things right.

Mrs. P.: I don't see that what goes on at the Council matters to me. The rates are always rising; all over London it's just the same. And, apart from the rates, where do I come in?

VISITOR: If you will allow me to make a little joke, Mrs. Perkins, you come in every time you go out. You get on to a County Council tram, don't you?

Mrs. P.: Yes; but you can't go everywhere you want to by tram.

VISITOR: It is perfectly true that the tramway service is limited, but that is because the Moderates would not extend the lines as they ought to have done. If the Progressives had been in a majority, there would have been many more miles of tram-lines laid down by now. Then there are the fares. The Progressive policy is to keep the fares as low as possible, so that all the people of London may benefit. But you never heard of the Moderates cutting down fares, did you?

Mrs. P.: It would be nice to have more tram-lines. Why, I have friends in all parts of London, and I don't like the tubes. They are so stuffy, and I hate those lifts.

VISITOR: Quite right, Mrs. Perkins. Then, if you want a better tramway service, with cheaper fares, vote for the Progressives. Well now, you used to enjoy a little trip on the river sometimes, didn't you?

Mrs. P.: That I did. Why, there's nothing like a blow on the river to make you feel brisk and well, and now there are no boats.

VISITOR: No. The Moderates sold those steamboats, just as they were becoming popular. Thought they would try to save some money, and lost far more than they bargained for. And the poor people of London can't have their little Saturday excursions the way they used to. If you want to get your steamboats back again, Mrs. Perkins, vote for the Progressives.

Mrs. P.: Yes; I would like the steamboats back again, and I shan't vote for anybody who doesn't promise to bring them back.

VISITOR: Now, Mrs. Perkins, your children are growing up, aren't they?

Mrs. P.: Yes, Miss. My eldest son is already at work, but I've still three going to school. And I'm anxious to keep them there as long as I can.

VISITOR: That's right; I'm very glad of it. But in that case you must vote for the Progressives, and I'll tell you why.

Mrs. P.: Why, then?

VISITOR: The Moderates, you know, don't like the children of the working classes to be too well educated, and so they have been cutting down expenses. Why, at the present time there is not enough accommodation for all the children who ought to be at school, and although the Progressives have struggled and striven to get this put right, the Moderates won't lift a

finger. Then, again, it is the Progressives who have provided through out London those additional open spaces and playing grounds where the poorest children can go and fill their lungs with fresh air. The Moderates, on the contrary, have actually given up some pieces of these valuable spaces for the convenience of private tramway companies. What do you think of that?

Mrs. P.: I think that's a great shame. Why, what right had they to take away any of that land?

VISITOR: You see, they were in a majority and could do practically as they liked with the people of London. It just shows how much they care for the children's playgrounds, doesn't it? By the way, you are living in a very old house, Mrs. Perkins, aren't you?

Mrs. P.: Yes, Miss. I can't get anything better for the rent. You see I'm a poor woman.

VISITOR: Now, Mrs. Perkins, if you want better housing accommodation, don't vote Moderate, but vote Progressive. When the Progressives had a majority at the Council they bought estates in different parts round London and built nice convenient houses, at low rents, with a cheap tramway service. Thousands of men and women are living there happily now, with fresh air and good drainage. But a great deal more of that sort of thing is very badly needed. And what has happened? Since the Moderates have been in power, they have cut down these housing schemes. Not only that, but they have been trying to sell some of the valuable freehold land which the Progressives had bought for housing purposes.

Mrs. P.: Well, I never! And there are thousands of people like me who would like a cheap place near the tramway.

VISITOR: Well, Mrs. Perkins, in a few years' time the houses round here will be hardly better than slums, and if you send back the Moderates you can't expect any help from them. But if the Progressives are returned at the next election, they will go on clearing away slum areas and building healthy and cheap houses for people like you.

Mrs. P.: It's a pity the Moderates got in last time. They do seem to have made some pretty mischief, and no mistake.

VISITOR: And there's another thing you have to thank the Progressives for. Do you know that they have helped you to save many shillings in the year?

Mrs. P.: Why? How so?

VISITOR: It was the Progressives who began testing the weights that the coal men use for weighing coal which they bring round in carts. And then they sent round the inspector to where butter and tea was being weighed. And they found that in very many cases the scales were weighted, so that the people were being systematically robbed of their rightful weight of butter and tea. Now, the inspectors go round regularly, testing the scales, and there is very little chance of your being cheated now. You have probably

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saved quite a nice little sum during the last few years, without knowing it. Don't you see now how important it is that you should vote at the County Council Election?

Mrs. P.: Yes, Miss, but I must say I never thought of it before.

VISITOR: You are not the first who has said that to me. Well, I will come and see you again in a little while and tell you a lot more about the Progressives, if you would like to hear it.

Mrs. P.: Thank you, Miss. I have two brothers, both married, who live near here, and I'll tell them what you say. They both have votes, and I will make them vote for the Progressives, too. I know they voted for the Moderates last time.

VISITOR: Ah, I expect I know how that was. The Moderates were so ashamed of their own name at the last election that they called themselves "Municipal Reformers." Sounded better, didn't it? I expect that is how your brothers were caught. Take care they don't catch you next time! Remember, it's the **Progressives** you must vote for! Good-bye.

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# WOMEN ELECTORS!

## Vote for the PROGRESSIVES

who have always looked after  
the Health, the Happiness, and  
the Safety of your Homes.

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## FULL INSIDE!

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**YES!** the L.C.C. Schools **are** full inside, and **more** than full, and one of the officials has reported that "the serious lack of accommodation in this district, which still exists, is materially interfering with the enforcement of regular attendance."

From Paddington, Peckham, Hackney, Camberwell has come the cry of "**NO ROOM,**" class-rooms and school halls overcrowded, and **STILL NO ROOM!**

In 1907 there was accommodation in the Councils Schools for **604,420** children, and at the beginning of 1910 it was officially estimated that it would be **599,995**, a **REDUCTION** of **4,425 PLACES**, while the average **ATTENDANCE** was officially estimated as having **increased** by **7,302** children during the same period.



And the little children have still to wait, especially the Crippled children, the Mentally Defective and Dull children who need most care and the kindest attention.

Hundreds of them are waiting for the schools the Moderates won't build.

It must be remembered that thousands of children went hungry to school day after day while the Moderates offered flagstaffs instead of food, and talked about the "Empire" to the workless parents, while they shouted "Socialism" to the rich.

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## **DOWN WITH THE MODERATES!**

## **UP WITH THE PROGRESSIVES!**

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## **MODERATE WRECKERS.**

Read their Record of Damage done

in Three Short Years, 1907-10,

## **TO THE RATEPAYERS' PROPERTY.**

### **(1.) DELAYED TRAMWAY CONSTRUCTION.**

Laying down, tinkering with, and ripping up the Stud Tramlines in the Mile End Road has cost more than **£25,000**. The loss of takings which would have been earned if the line had been laid on the Progressives' Conduit System during the two years' "experimenting" cannot be less than **£200,000** and 24 miles of horse lines in other parts of London were held up waiting for the result of this experiment. The loss of takings for one year would have amounted to **£300,000**.

Remember! Every Moderate blunder is paid for by you!!

### **(2.) SOLD UP THE STEAMBOATS AT KNOCK-OUT PRICES.**

The fine fleet of 30 boats, which cost **£210,000**, has been sold for **£18,204**, some of them going to Holland,

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Belgium, Germany and Servia, while Londoners, especially those in the overcrowded areas where there are no open spaces except the Churchyards, have been deprived, **by party spite**, of the opportunity of a cheap and healthy blow on the river.

They are supposed to be business men. But, there! You pay for it!

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**Dismissed more than 3,000 Men  
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**This represents a total loss of over half-a-million!**

You pay up and try to look pleasant!

**TURN OUT THESE COSTLY WRECKERS.**

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## MODERATE HUMBUG.

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The "Municipal Reformers" claim to have wiped out a "Floating Progressive Debt" of six millions. How did they do it?

By going to the City and "floating" a *permanent* debt. They robbed "Peter" to pay "Paul," and Paul got his extra commission.

The total L.L.C. debt not only remains the same, but is over two millions up.

They say, "Ah! but the Progressives paid 6 per cent. on some of their loans in 1906." Of course they did,—it was "Bank Rate" at the time. The Government and everyone else who wanted money paid the same. Under the advice of the Bank of England the Progressives wisely borrowed as they wanted and waited until the market was "easier" in order to float a permanent loan at a low rate of interest.

These New Financiers pretend they have paid off debt by the cancellation of £3,000,000 of stock. They have merely taken a progressive fund, reserved against the pay-day for that stock and cancelled the stock before its time. The stock is cancelled, but the money to do it has gone. So there is no real "repayment of debt."

If there has been all these gigantic Reductions of Debt and Colossal Savings on Commitments, why is your present L.C.C. rate  $3\frac{1}{4}^d$ . up, and the L.C.C. Debt up TWO MILLIONS.

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AND

## REAL ECONOMY.

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